

⊖ B19 Route
⊕ B45-46 Route

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by ~~June 29~~, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.** *July 25*

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend?

None, Received information from neighbor who attended meeting

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☒ Project Purpose and Need

Visual / Aesthetic resources

Proximity to residences

Use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

Wetlands (floodplains, river crossings)

Resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

Historic and cultural sites

Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

(as above)

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I live at 3700 Dawnhorn Ct NE, parallel to the
of B119 proposed line. This line would effectively
split through my parents' family farm land.
They farmed this 100 acres on either side
of the B119 proposed line from 1956 - 2
The beauty of this farm land would be
compromised by the poles - we
project. My view of my parents' home
be obstructed by this project, as well.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational) in the Project area and why?

The proposed B119 project would affect the
wildlife that grazes the farmland - The deer,
wild turkeys, pheasants, geese & grouse
enjoy this land of abundant food & shelter.
Cattle, though, creating this line will
create disruption of their natural habitat.
Our neighborhood is a very desirable
living environment for all of us in part
because of the quiet surroundings - The
B119 line would be significantly disruptive
to an serene neighborhood with the
accompanying noise level.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes, however it does not make sense
to me to use the alternative B119
line which is longer & would cut
through a number of properties rather
than using the B45-46 line project.
We do not need more disruption
of what little un-developed farmland
we have remaining in NE Rochester.

Historic and

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.